

ENGLISH HUMOR
Grand of Laugh Extractions
Used Two Centuries Ago.
"JOE MILLER'S JEST BOOK"

A Selection of Specimen Jokes From the Venerable Volume That Mark Twain Moved to Call the Alpha and Omega of Dejected Humor.

The "Joe Miller Jest Book"—it is famous. Mark Twain mentions it as the alpha and omega of dejected humor. It is unrivaled, incomparable, apart. Further, it is English—very English.

Possibly the latter phenomenon is responsible for the difficulty a searcher had in finding an unrivaled copy. After an afternoon of search a second-hand but scarcely worn copy finally was discovered in a little bookstore.

The bookseller eyed the buyer curiously, but with some awe, and seemed very glad to get rid of it for 25 cents. Twenty-five cents! How instantly reminiscent of one of the Joe Miller jokes—beg pardon, jests:

THE LIGHT SUBJECT.
The government, having threatened to proceed rigorously against those who refused to pay assessed taxes, offered to remit a remission of one-fourth. "This at last," said one sufferer, "may be called giving them some quarter."

You can get that off in your very next after dinner speech. You can put a little recent on one-fourth and quarter and get quite as loud a laugh.

Second specimen (it must be remembered that the jest book was compiled in the early part of the eighteenth century, when there were literarians; therefore the jests that aren't blatted on fords are mostly charged to writers):

A DIFFERENCE.
Jerrid one day met a Scotch gentleman whose name was Letch, who explained that he was not the popular cartoonist John Letch. "I'm aware of that," said Jerrid. "You're a Scotchman with the Letch in your name."

There! Just think of the triumph with which Jerrid later related that quip to his friends.

THE CONNOISSEUR.
A person to whom the curiosities, buildings, etc., in Oxford were shown one very hot day was asked by his companion if he would see the remainder of the university. "My dear sir," replied the connoisseur, "I am stone blind already."

Whether the friend expired in spasms of mirth or subsequently was hanged for mayhem the jest book doesn't say.

The wit of the Irish is called in too. Specimen:

A SPIRIT OF SHILLALAH.
A few of the friends were to quia a poor Irishman, asked him, "How do the potatoes eat now, Pat?" The Irish lad, in response to a shillalah in his hand, answered cleverly: "Oh, they eat very well, my jewel! Would you like to taste the shillalah?" And, knocking the shillalah down, he coolly walked off.

Probably it was a good thing he knocked him down first.

Turning to the middle of the book—there are 400 pages—Joe breaks into verse:

ON THE LATIN GERUNDS.
Who mourned, Aeneas would not come. She wept in silence and was Di-Do-Dumb. Classic? Here's—

A BAD END.
It was told of Jekyll that one of his friends, a brewer, had been drowned in his own vat. "Ah," he exclaimed, "doat-ter! I dare not wait upon 'I.' Wood? (I would)."

Oh, listen! Talk about your originality!

A SHORT JOURNEY.
"Zeand, fellow!" exclaimed a choleric old gentleman to a very phlegmatic, matter of fact person. "I shall go out of my mind if I don't see you!"

"Well, you won't have far to go," said the phlegmatic man.

Yes, and here's a small ebullition from a dramatist:

OLD FRIENDS.
Coleman, the dramatist, was asked if he knew "Hook and Eye." "Yes," replied the w. "Hook and eye are old associates."

Hook was not present at the time.

The courts also come through with a few gems:

NEW RELATIONSHIP.
A stranger to law courts, hearing a judge call a sergeant "brother," expressed his surprise. "Oh," said one of the bystanders, "they are brothers—brothers in law."

And speaking of repartee:

A SHUFFLING ANSWER.
Two Oxonians dining together, one of them noticed a grease spot on the neckcloth of his companion and said, "Is that you or a greasy spot?"

"No!" said the other. "That is far-fetched."

Right back at him, you observe.

Of course there are some better ones, but there are also some that are worse. Taken as a whole, they don't add any laurels to the English reputation for humor nor detract any from the opinion of Mark Twain—Kansas City Times.

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FOUGHT OFF DEATH.
The Respite Dr. Shady Bravely Won For General Grant.
"You can see the conditions—General Grant is dying now," came Dr. Douglas' voice in broken tones. The Rev. Dr. Newman had knelt by the bedside and, holding one of the man's nervous hands, began to pray.
"You see the preacher is busy, and the doctors ought to be busy, too," Dr. Shady whispered grimly to his senior colleague.
"It would be a torment without avail," sighed the senior.
So there stood the medical college warding off succor from the dying man. The general must expire, per chance, because the initiative belonged to a man without any at the moment. Douglas must consent. Shady must not be shocked. He turned again to the patient, leaned above him a moment and touched his pulse. He twisted the gray goatee in nervous twitches. Suddenly he turned again, ultimate resolve in his face, and tipped again to where his colleague was.
"I say, Douglas, something must be done. If the man dies here now, why can't we try the medical world? Every doctor on earth will want to know what and when were the last shots we fired. Shall we tell them for ten minutes at the last, half an hour so far as I know, we stood idly and stared at a dying man?"
The old doctor stirred wearily and turned a hopeless and therefore helpless face to the younger one also; there was in its lines a touch of wonder.
"Douglas, it would damn us both eternally, and it ought to. Perhaps you can afford it, but I can't, either as a physician or a human being. Something's got to be done, Douglas. It won't do, I tell you."
"Do! But what would you do now?" glancing pityingly at the family group and the slowly gasping man on the bed.
"Something, anything—a hypodermic of brandy first!"
"Oh, if you wish to try it—yes!" It had been enough. The code was satisfied. Shady was filling the little silver syringe with the ardent liquor from French bottles. Something was being done. Members of the family turned to watch. The manner of its doing somehow inspired them, and the older doctor, looking on, drew near. The left arm of the dying man was bared, the slender hollow needle found its way, and the potent brandy mingled with the blood.
The Rev. Dr. Newman had risen from his praying. Shady was half kneeling in his place. Both by different means sought the same end. Keenly the younger doctor leaned to the patient. All his other senses had lent their powers to those of sight and hearing. The tiny instrument gleamed between thumb and finger of his still extended hand.
There was a slight catch in the general's throat, followed by a half sigh. Swiftly a new look came into the face of each physician; swiftly the younger refilled the little syringe and hurried to the other side of the couch. Then through the right arm sprang the potent fluid, and again they waited the result—very soon a long, undulating sigh; then a longer, stronger inspiration; then measured breathing and finally consciousness.
When General Grant lay dying that April morning the work on his memoirs, which netted his family one-half million dollars, was little more than half finished. He lived seventeen weeks afterward, finished his task and was ready to go—Frank W. Mack in Saturday Evening Post.

TOOK THE HINT.
A story is told of a certain English bishop well known for his verbosity who rose to address the house of lords on a very important occasion. "I will divide my speech under twelve heads," he said, to the discomfort of his audience.
The Marquis of Salisbury begged to be allowed to interpose with a little anecdote. "A friend of mine was returning home late one night," he said, "when opposite St. Paul's he saw an intoxicated man trying to ascertain the time on the big clock there. Just then it began to strike and slowly tolled out 12. The man listened, looked hard at the clock and said: 'Confound you! Why couldn't you have said that all at once?'"
The bishop heartily joined in the laughter which followed and took the hint contained in the story.

Not the Sealskin.
A speaker apropos of wifely sympathy said at a recent dinner in New York: "How hard it is when the wife is unsympathetic! Poor Jones trudged home through wet weather one winter night and, blowing on his frozen hands, said solemnly:
"Well, I've got the sack!"
"Oh, you dear!" his wife cried. "The seal skin or the other one?"
"The other one," said Jones, laughing bitterly. —Washington Star.

He Liked It All.
Johnnie, aged five, liked to go to his grandmother's dinner. One day one of his aunts said to him, "Johnnie, I think the only reason why you like to eat here is because of the dessert you are sure to get."
"Oh, no," said Johnnie. "I like the dinner too." —Delineator.

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GOOD WATER VESSELS.
While it isn't necessary to serve drink to fowls in cut glass, a good water vessel is essential.
A vessel fowls can roost on, wade in, upset or can scratch dirt into or one that has no protection from sun and dust is unfit.
The vessel should also hold one day's supply at least, conform to air-



FIG. I.—AN EXCELLENT VESSEL.
face of ground, be easy to clean and be made of material that is impervious to filth and germs.

Fig. 1 is an excellent style and can be made at a reasonable price.

When inside it should be set on a platform six inches high, with enough margin for fowls to stand.

It is easy to clean. Fowls cannot stand on the steep top and is especially adapted to adult fowls, as chicks will drown in it. The condition of the



FIG. II.—SAME VESSEL APART.
water is seen, and if desired the vessel may be used to hold feed. With top off it is a good pigeon bathtub.

Fig. 3 shows the bucket style vessel and two chick servers.

No. 1 is simply a bucket on legs with top closed, with the exception of an aperture which lets water out into trough as it is used.

It can be made as high as desired, this one holding two and a half gallons and being ten inches high, diameter nine inches, the aperture being one

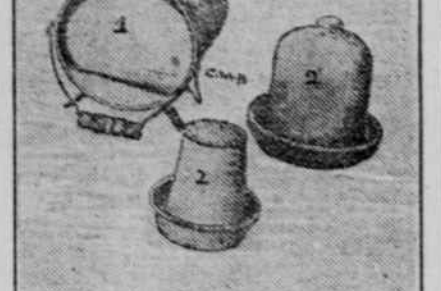


FIG. III.—BUCKET POINT AND CHICKEN SERVERS.
inch and trough one and a half inches deep and two inches wide.

It should cost 50 cents in quantities, is easy to fill and carry, and while not so easily cleaned as Fig. 1 the water is kept cleaner, fresher, and fowls cannot dip their wattles and combs into water to be frozen later.

The chick servers, No. 2, are the most popular for small stock and should be glazed crockery or metal. Vessels should be scalded often, and remedies like Douglas mixture should not be given in metal vessels.

DON'TS.
Don't put off until tomorrow what you don't do at all.
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There's a hook over at the dais. An' some w in the creek. There's a new dais at the kitchen bridge. That's a awful long an' suck.
Yep, git a lot of them big grubbs. What's near the apple tree. They're fat the stuff for them white chubs. We'll catch a lot, you'll see.
An' tell your man we're going soon. We want some more fishin' bait. Some more of an' put an' some more. An' tender chicken legs.
An' don't forget the bottle. It's on that upper shelf. It ain't no good for youngsters. I want it all myself.
There's a hook lurkin' in the swamp. I'll take a drink right now. We'll start to fishin' over there. Beside that ole mud sows.
Hooray! Oh, won't we catch the fish? Yep, make them stringers long. An' use the toughest twine you got. Them eels is awful strong.
By golly, what a whooper bite! There's a new house for sale. I ketchin' him. Ain't he big and white? Just pass the bottle here.
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PURE WATER FOR POULTRY.
When you drew up the old caken bucket that hung in grandpa's well and smacked your lips a said, "Golly, that's good!" you weren't thinking of microbes, were you?
"Not much. No microbes in that pure crystal water." But, oh, you death dealing microbes! The doctors now have everything wiggling with you, and when there's an epidemic they don't rubber boots and rubber at the water supply or hold up the milk wagon, for milk, you know naturally, is muchly water.
But, oh, you microbes sleuths! Do you know a hen's egg is 650 parts water?
When that epidemic gets loose do you ever test eggs from lughouse row, where fowls are forced to drink drainage from closets, hogpens, oozy manure piles or where flocks drink from open water vessels where litter and excrement soak, rot and breed microbes deadly to hen and men, and you myriad egg eaters and lovers of meat, can you save your health by a pure food act and boiling and filtering water when 650 parts of an egg and the juices of that fat hen myriads with germs?

No hen can lay a pure, finely flavored, good keeping, healthy egg nor can flesh be pure and healthy when the drink is microbe mixture.

Nor can any flock do its best and be kept healthy when forced to soak food for grinding in foul smelling, death dealing liquid.

Typhoid, smallpox and tuberculosis germs have been found in eggs, and epidemics among hens and men may often be traced to the water supply of fowls.

Let those microbe sleuths get busy in the chicken coops and forbid such reprehensible treatment of hens and roosters. Do you love a pure, fresh, cold drink? Well, so do Biddy and old Pan and Rover.

Two negroes with twenty-seven headless hens was the haul of the Chester (Pa.) police one day recently. The thieves confessed that they had averaged that many hens a night ever since poultry had advanced.

Many, lured by the high price of winter eggs, will decide to go into the poultry business without considering the high price of everything else. Besides high priced grains, there must be brains, pains and laying strains to get good gains.

Spring henhouse cleaning should precede that event where man gets nervous prostration from carpet beating, cook stove wrestling and jaw wrangling. The plan that pays best is to keep things clean to date.

A little sprinkling of grit is sufficient for chicks at first. If given the chance they will fill up with it and die.

A neighbor who persists in running an incubator with a lamp that leaks or continually smokes or runs his hatchery or brooder in a stable amid combustible material, where some foul or animal may interfere with it, puts you in the danger zone and should be reported to the police.

Ducklings should have fresh water often, as their feeding and drinking at one time mix feed and water and make water foul. Waterfowl naturally love to liquidate their bills, whether you do or not.

You need not bother to wear your goggles from their old hen mother. They always precede her on parade and only honk for her when in need of heat. They give her the cold shoulder early.

State inspectors condemned 13,000 pounds of cold storage poultry found in a Seattle refrigerating plant. It was sent to a "fertilizer" factory.

It is wise to remember when those turkeys hatch that they are semiwild. Every year some farmers report failure. They do not change stock nor methods. They kill them every year with the same old dope—sloppy cornmeal and red pepper. It's like a man tearing his pants on the same nail every time he enters the barn.

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